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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC.,
in the public interest,

Plaintiff,

v.

BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY
INVESTMENTS HOLDINGS, INC., dba
BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY DIRECT
CORPORATION, BURLINGTON STORES,
INC., a Delaware Corporation;
BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY
WAREHOUSE CORPORATION, a New
Jersey Corporation;
BURLINGTON STORE #00316, Business
Entity Form Unknown;
BURLINGTON STORE #00772, Business
Entity Form Unknown;
BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY,
Business Entity Form Unknown and
BURLINGTON STORE 780, Business
Entity Form Unknown; and
DOES 1-60

Defendants.

CASE NO. RG18916514


~~PROPOSED~~ CONSENT JUDGMENT

Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 *et seq.*

FAC Filed: October 30, 2018

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2 **1. INTRODUCTION**

3 1.1 This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between Plaintiff, Consumer
4 Advocacy Group, Inc. (referred to as "CAG") acting on behalf of itself and in the public interest,
5 and Defendant Burlington Coat Factory of Texas, Inc. erroneously sued as Burlington Store
6 #00772 ("Burlington" or "Settling Defendant"), each a party to the action and collectively
7 referred to as "Parties" or individually referred to as "Party."

8 1.2 Settling Defendant and Covered Products

9 1.2.1 CAG alleges that Settling Defendant is a Business Entity Form Unknown which
10 employs ten or more persons. For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, Settling Defendant is
11 deemed a person in the course of doing business in California and subject to the provisions of
12 Proposition 65.

13 1.2.2 CAG alleges that Settling Defendant manufactures, sells, and/or distributes
14 consumer products in California.

15 1.3 Listed Chemicals

16 1.3.1 Di (2-ethylhexyl) Phthalate ("DEHP"), also known as Diethyl Hexyl Phthalate
17 and Bis (2-ethylhexyl) Phthalate, has been listed by the State of California as a chemical known
18 to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

19 1.3.2 Di-n-butyl Phthalate ("DBP") has been listed by the State of California as a
20 chemical known to cause reproductive and developmental toxicity.

21 1.4 Notices of Violation

22 1.4.1 On or about May 7, 2018, CAG served a "60-Day Notice of Intent to Sue for
23 Violation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986" (AG# 2018-00709)
24 ("Notice") that provided Settling Defendant with notice of alleged violations of Health & Safety
25 Code § 25249.6 for failing to warn individuals in California of exposures to DBP and DEHP
26 contained in certain Footwear that Settling Defendant sells. No public enforcer has commenced
27 or diligently prosecuted the allegations set forth in the Notice.

28 1.5 Complaints

1 1.5.1 On August 14, 2018, CAG filed a Complaint for civil penalties and injunctive
2 relief in Alameda County Superior Court, Case No. RG18916514, and thereafter filed an
3 amended complaint on October 30, 2018 ("Complaint") against Settling Defendant and other
4 parties. The Complaint alleges, among other things, that Settling Defendant violated Proposition
5 65 for allegedly failing to give clear and reasonable warnings of alleged exposure to Listed
6 Chemicals from Covered Products.

7 1.6 Consent to Jurisdiction

8 1.6.1 For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court
9 has jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the Complaint, personal
10 jurisdiction over Settling Defendant as to the acts alleged in the Complaint, that venue is proper
11 in the County of Alameda, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Judgment as
12 a full settlement and resolution of the allegations against Settling Defendant contained in Cause
13 of Action Three of the Complaint and of all claims which were or could have been raised by any
14 person or entity based in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, on the facts alleged therein or
15 arising therefrom or related thereto.

16 1.7 No Admission

17 1.7.1 This Consent Judgment resolves claims that are denied and disputed. The Parties
18 enter into this Consent Judgment pursuant to a full and final settlement of any and all claims
19 between the Parties for the purpose of avoiding prolonged litigation. Nothing in this Consent
20 Judgment shall be construed as an admission by the Parties of any material allegation in the
21 Notice or the Complaint, or of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law or violation of law of
22 any kind, including without limitation, any admission concerning any alleged or actual violation
23 of Proposition 65 or any other statutory, regulatory, common law, or equitable doctrine,
24 including but not limited to the meaning of the terms "knowingly and intentionally expose" or
25 "clear and reasonable warning" as used in Health and Safety Code section 25249.6. Nothing in
26 this Consent Judgment, nor compliance with its terms, shall constitute or be construed as an
27 admission by the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law, or of
28 fault, wrongdoing, or liability by Settling Defendant, their officers, directors, employees, or

parent, subsidiary or affiliated entities, or be offered or admitted as evidence in any administrative or judicial proceeding or litigation in any court, agency, or forum. Furthermore, nothing in this Consent Judgment shall prejudice, waive or impair any right, remedy, argument, or defense the Parties may have in any other or future legal proceeding, except as expressly provided in this Consent Judgment.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 "Covered Products" means Footwear.

2.2 "Footwear" means Henry Ferrera Collection Sandals (Burlington Style Nos. Hype-100 and HYPE-72, SKUs 37985596, 37986443, 37986964, 37984432, 37984212, 37984694, and 37985169) sold or distributed for sale by Settling Defendant.

2.3 "Effective Date" means the date that this Consent Judgment is approved by the Court.

2.4 "DEHP" means Di (2-ethylhexyl) Phthalate, also known as Diethyl Hexyl Phthalate and Bis (2-ethylhexyl) Phthalate.

2.5 "DBP" means Di-n-butyl Phthalate.

2.6 "Listed Chemicals" means DEHP and DBP.

3. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF/REFORMULATION

3.1 After the Effective Date, Settling Defendants shall not order any Covered Products for sale into California, with any component that contains the Listed Chemical(s) in excess of 0.1% (1,000 parts per million) by weight.

3.2 Any Covered Products that Settling Defendant sells, distributes, or ships for sale into California after the Effective date that were ordered prior to the Effective Date must contain a clear and reasonable warning, consistent with 27 CCR section 25600 *et seq.*, unless it contains no more than 0.1% by weight (1,000 ppm) of the Listed Chemical(s). Any warnings provided pursuant to this Section 3.2 shall be affixed to the packaging of, or directly on, or attached to the Covered Products, and be prominently placed with such conspicuousness as compared with other words, statements, designs, or devices as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions before purchase or use. Defendant will not sell

1 or distribute the Covered Product for sale over the internet without providing a warning in the
 2 manner provided for with respect to internet sales, as provided for in 27 CCR sections 25601 and
 3 25602, as they may be subsequently amended.

4 3.3 Covered Products already distributed to Downstream Defendant Releasees prior
 5 to the Effective Date may continue to be sold through as is.

6 **4. SETTLEMENT PAYMENT**

7 4.1 Payment and Due Date: Within thirty (30) days of the later of the Effective Date
 8 and Burlington's receipt of a W-9 and Burlington supplier form for all settlement payees, Settling
 9 Defendant shall pay a total of ninety thousand dollars and zero cents (\$90,000.00) in full and
 10 complete settlement of any and all claims for civil penalties, damages, attorney's fees, expert
 11 fees or any other claim for costs, expenses or monetary relief of any kind for claims that were or
 12 could have been asserted in the Notices or Complaints identified in Sections 1.4 and 1.5, as
 13 follows:

14 4.1.1 **Civil Penalty:** Settling Defendant shall issue two separate checks totaling ten
 15 thousand three hundred and sixty dollars (\$10,360.00) as follows for alleged civil penalties
 16 pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.12:

17 (a) Settling Defendant will issue one check made payable to the State of California's
 18 Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") in the amount of seven
 19 thousand seven hundred and seventy dollars (\$7,770.00) representing 75% of the total civil
 20 penalty and Settling Defendant will issue a second check to CAG in the amount of two thousand
 21 five hundred and ninety dollars (\$2,590.00) representing 25% of the total civil penalty;

22 (b) Separate 1099s shall be issued for each of the above payments: Settling Defendant
 23 will issue a 1099 to OEHHA, P.O. Box 4010, Sacramento, CA 95184 (EIN: 68-0284486) in the
 24 amount of \$7,770.00. Settling Defendant will also issue a 1099 to CAG in the amount of
 25 \$2,590.00 and deliver it to CAG c/o Yeroushalmi & Yeroushalmi, 9100 Wilshire Boulevard,
 26 Suite 240W, Beverly Hills, California 90212.

27 4.1.2 **Additional Settlement Payments:** Settling Defendant shall issue one check for
 28 seven thousand six hundred and forty dollars (\$7,640.00) to "Consumer Advocacy Group, Inc."

1 pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b) and California Code of Regulations, Title 11 §
2 3203(d). CAG will use this portion of the Total Settlement Payment as follows, eighty percent
3 (80%) for fees of investigation, purchasing and testing for the Proposition 65 Listed Chemical in
4 various products, and for expert fees for evaluating exposures through various mediums,
5 including but not limited to consumer product, occupational, and environmental exposures to the
6 Proposition 65 Listed Chemical, and the cost of hiring consulting and retaining experts who assist
7 with the extensive scientific analysis necessary for those files in litigation and to offset the costs
8 of future litigation enforcing Proposition 65 but excluding attorney fees; twenty percent (20%)
9 for administrative costs incurred during investigation and litigation to reduce the public's
10 exposure to the Proposition 65 Listed Chemicals by notifying those persons and/or entities
11 believed to be responsible for such exposures and attempting to persuade those persons and/or
12 entities to reformulate their products or the source of exposure to completely eliminate or lower
13 the level of the Proposition 65 Listed Chemicals including but not limited to costs of
14 documentation and tracking of products investigated, storage of products, website enhancement
15 and maintenance, computer and software maintenance, investigative equipment, CAG's
16 member's time for work done on investigations, office supplies, mailing supplies and postage.
17 Within 30 days of a request from the Attorney General, CAG shall provide to the Attorney
18 General copies of documentation demonstrating how the above funds have been spent. CAG
19 shall be solely responsible for ensuring the proper expenditure of such additional settlement
20 payment.

21 **4.1.3 Reimbursement of Attorney Fees and Costs:** Settling Defendant shall issue a
22 check in the amount of seventy-two thousand dollars (\$72,000.00) payable to "Yeroushalmi &
23 Yeroushalmi" as complete reimbursement for any and all reasonable investigation fees and costs,
24 attorneys' fees, expert fees, and any and all other costs and expenses incurred as a result of
25 investigating, bringing this matter to the Settling Defendant's attention, litigating, negotiating a
26 settlement in the public interest, and seeking and obtaining court approval of this Consent
27 Judgment.
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1 4.2 Other than the payment to OEHHA described above, all payments referenced in
2 paragraphs 4.1.1, 4.1.2, and 4.1.3 above, shall be delivered to: Reuben Yeroushalmi,
3 Yeroushalmi & Yeroushalmi, 9100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 240W, Beverly Hills, CA 90212. The
4 payment to OEHHA shall be delivered directly to Office of Environmental Health Hazard
5 Assessment, OEHHA, 1001 I Street, Mail Stop 12-B Sacramento, California 95812, Attn: Mike
6 Gyurics. Settling Defendant shall provide written confirmation to CAG of the payment to
7 OEHHA.

8 **5. MATTERS COVERED BY THIS CONSENT JUDGMENT**

9 5.1 This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between CAG, on
10 behalf of itself and in the public interest, and Settling Defendant and its owners, officers,
11 directors, insurers, employees, parents, shareholders, divisions, subdivisions, subsidiaries,
12 partners, affiliates, sister companies, predecessors, and their successors and assigns (collectively,
13 "Defendant Releasees"), and all entities to whom Settling Defendant directly or indirectly
14 distributes or sells Covered Products, including, but not limited to, downstream distributors,
15 downstream wholesalers, customers, retailers, marketplace hosts, franchisees, cooperative
16 members, licensees, and the successors and assigns of any of them, who may use, maintain,
17 distribute or sell Covered Products ("Downstream Defendant Releasees"), of all claims for
18 alleged or actual violations of Proposition 65 for alleged exposures to Listed Chemicals from
19 Covered Products manufactured, distributed or sold by Settling Defendant up through the
20 Effective Date as set forth in the Notice and Complaint. Settling Defendant and Defendant
21 Releasees' compliance with this Consent Judgment shall constitute compliance with Proposition
22 65 with respect to alleged exposures to Listed Chemicals from Covered Products sold by
23 Defendant Releasees or Downstream Defendant Releasees after the Effective Date. Nothing in
24 this Section affects CAG's right to commence or prosecute an action under Proposition 65 against
25 any person other than Settling Defendant, Defendant Releasees, or Downstream Defendant
26 Releasees. The scope of the release is limited to the Covered Products.

27 5.2 CAG on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys,
28 successors, and/or assignees, hereby waives all rights to institute or participate in, directly or

1 indirectly, any form of legal action and releases all claims, including, without limitation, all
2 actions, and causes of action, in law or in equity, suits, liabilities, demands, obligations, damages,
3 costs, fines, penalties, losses, or expenses (including, but not limited to, investigation fees, expert
4 fees, and attorneys' fees) of any nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, fixed or
5 contingent (collectively "Claims"), against Defendant Releasees and Downstream Defendant
6 Releasees arising from any actual or alleged violation of Proposition 65 or any other statutory or
7 common law claim regarding the Covered Products manufactured, distributed or sold by the
8 Defendant Releasees through the Effective Date regarding any actual or alleged failure to warn
9 about exposure to Listed Chemicals from Covered Products. In furtherance of the foregoing,
10 CAG on behalf of itself only, hereby waives any and all rights and benefits which it now has, or
11 in the future may have, conferred upon it with respect to Claims regarding the Covered Products
12 manufactured, distributed or sold by Defendant Releasees through the Effective Date arising
13 from any violation of Proposition 65 or any other statutory or common law regarding the failure
14 to warn about exposure to the Listed Chemicals from Covered Products by virtue of the
15 provisions of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

16 A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE
17 CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO
18 EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE
19 RELEASE, AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE
20 MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE
21 DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

22 CAG understands and acknowledges that the significance and consequence of this waiver of
23 California Civil Code section 1542 is that even if CAG suffers future damages arising out of or
24 resulting from, or related directly or indirectly to, in whole or in part, Claims arising from any
25 violation of Proposition 65 or any other statutory or common law regarding the Covered Products
26 manufactured, distributed or sold by the Defendant Releasees and Downstream Defendant
27 Releasees through the Effective Date regarding the failure to warn about actual or alleged
28 exposure to the Listed Chemicals from the Covered Products, CAG will not be able to make any
claim for those damages, penalties or other relief against Defendant Releasees and Downstream
Defendant Releasees. Furthermore, CAG acknowledges that it intends these consequences for

any such Claims arising from any violation of Proposition 65 or any other statutory or common law regarding the failure to warn about exposure to the Listed Chemicals from the Covered Products as may exist as of the date of this release but which CAG does not know exist, and which, if known, would materially affect their decision to enter into this Consent Judgment, regardless of whether their lack of knowledge is the result of ignorance, oversight, error, negligence, or any other cause.

6. ENTRY OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

6.1 CAG shall file a motion seeking approval of this Consent Judgment pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f). Upon entry of the Consent Judgment, CAG and Defendant waive their respective rights to a hearing or trial on the allegations of the Complaint. Within five (5) business days of receipt of the settlement payments outlined in Section 4 of this Consent Judgment, CAG shall file a request for dismissal, without prejudice, of the Complaint.

6.2 If this Consent Judgment is not approved in full by the Court: (a) this Consent Judgment and any and all prior agreements between the Parties merged herein shall terminate and become null and void, and the actions shall revert to the status that existed prior to the execution date of this Consent Judgment; (b) no term of this Consent Judgment or any draft thereof, or of the negotiation, documentation, or other part or aspect of the Parties' settlement discussions, shall have any effect, nor shall any such matter be admissible in evidence for any purpose in this Action, or in any other proceeding; and (c) the Parties agree to meet and confer to determine whether to modify the terms of the Consent Judgment and to resubmit it for approval.

7. MODIFICATION OF JUDGMENT

7.1 This Consent Judgment may be modified only upon written agreement of the Parties and upon entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court thereon, or upon motion of any Party as provided by law and upon entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court.

7.2 Any Party seeking to modify this Consent Judgment shall attempt in good faith to meet and confer with the other Parties prior to filing a motion to modify the Consent Judgment.

1 **8. ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENT**

2 8.1 The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be enforced exclusively by the Parties
3 hereto. The Parties may, by noticed motion or order to show cause before the Superior Court of
4 California, County of Alameda, giving the notice required by law, enforce the terms and
5 conditions contained herein.

6 **9. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

7 9.1 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to implement and enforce the
8 terms of this Consent Judgment under Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6.

9 9.2 In any proceeding brought by any Party to enforce this Consent Judgment, the
10 prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

11 **10. SERVICE ON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

12 10.1 CAG shall serve a copy of this Consent Judgment, signed by both parties, on the
13 California Attorney General so that the Attorney General may review this Consent Judgment
14 prior to its submittal to the Court for approval. The hearing on CAG's motion to approve this
15 Consent Judgment shall be no sooner than forty-five (45) days after the Attorney General has
16 received the aforementioned copy of this Consent Judgment.

17 **11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

18 11.1 This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding
19 of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof and any and all prior discussions,
20 negotiations, commitments and understandings related hereto. No representations, oral or
21 otherwise, express or implied, other than those contained herein have been made by any party
22 hereto. No other agreements not specifically referred to herein, oral or otherwise, shall be
23 deemed to exist or to bind any of the Parties.

24 **12. ATTORNEY FEES**

25 12.1 Except as specifically provided in Sections 4.1.3 and 9.1 and 9.2, each Party shall
26 bear its own attorneys' fees and costs in connection with the claims resolved in this Consent
27 Judgment.
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1 **13. GOVERNING LAW**

2 13.1 The validity, construction, terms, and performance of this Consent Judgment shall
3 be governed by the laws of the State of California, without reference to any conflicts of law
4 provisions of California law.

5 13.2 In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed, preempted, or is otherwise rendered
6 inapplicable by reason of law generally, or if any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment are
7 rendered inapplicable or are no longer required as a result of any such repeal or preemption, or
8 rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally as to the Covered Products or Listed Chemicals,
9 then Settling Defendant may provide written notice to CAG of any asserted change in the law,
10 and shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment with respect to, and to
11 the extent that, the Covered Products are so affected. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be
12 interpreted to relieve Settling Defendant from any obligation to comply with any other pertinent
13 state or federal law or regulation.

14 13.3 The Parties, including their counsel, have participated in the preparation of this
15 Consent Judgment and this Consent Judgment is the result of the joint efforts of the Parties. This
16 Consent Judgment was subject to revision and modification by the Parties and has been accepted
17 and approved as to its final form by all Parties and their counsel. Accordingly, any uncertainty
18 or ambiguity existing in this Consent Judgment shall not be interpreted against any Party as a
19 result of the manner of the preparation of this Consent Judgment. Each Party to this Consent
20 Judgment agrees that any statute or rule of construction providing that ambiguities are to be
21 resolved against the drafting Party should not be employed in the interpretation of this Consent
22 Judgment and, in this regard, the Parties hereby waive California Civil Code section 1654.

23 **14. EXECUTION AND COUNTERPARTS**

24 14.1 This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by means of
25 facsimile or portable document format (pdf), which taken together shall be deemed to constitute
26 one document and have the same force and effect as original signatures.

27 **15. NOTICES**

28 15.1 Any notices under this Consent Judgment shall be by delivery of First-Class Mail.

15.1.1 If to CAG:

Reuben Yeroushalmi
Yeroushalmi & Yeroushalmi
9100 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 240W
Beverly Hills, CA 90212

15.1.2 If to Settling Defendant:

Ethan M. Simon
Burlington Stores, Inc.
1830 Route 130 North
Burlington, NJ 08016

With copy to:

Jeffrey Margulies
Norton Rose Fulbright LLP
555 South Flower Street,
Forty-First Floor
Los Angeles, California 90071

16. AUTHORITY TO STIPULATE

16.1 Each signatory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the Party he or she represents to enter into this Consent Judgment and to execute it on behalf of the Party represented and legally to bind that party.

AGREED TO:

Date: April 19, 2023

Michael Marcus

Name: Michael Marcus

Title: Director

CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP, INC.

AGREED TO:

Date: 4/19/2023, 2023

DocuSigned by:
Lindsay R. Goldstein

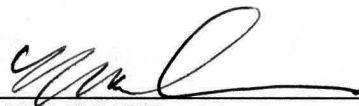
Name: Lindsay R. Goldstein

Title: VP, Assistant General Counsel

BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY OF
TEXAS, INC. (ERRONEOUSLY SUED AS
BURLINGTON STORE #00772)

1 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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3 Date: 10/20/2003


HON. EUMI LEE **JUDGE EUMI K. LEE**
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT